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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 19, 2004. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 10 of this paper and includes both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes in the Appendix.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Three sheets of amended drawing figures are attached following the remarks of this paper. In addition, three sheets of annotated drawings are attached.